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LETTER

Sent from the Right Honorable,

ROBERT,

Earl of

WARWICK,

Admirall of the Sea,

To M. *JOHN PYM*, Esq;

and presented to both Houses of Parliament, *July* 6. 1642.

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M. Pym,

Before these shall come to your hand I make no doubt but M. *Nicholls* of the House of Commons hath made both Houses a Relation of what hath passed here since I received His Majesties Letters for the discharging me of the Command of the Fleet wherewith I was entrusted, How I called a Councell of Warre, and acquainted them with His Majesties Letters, and likewise with the Ordinance of Parliament, sent from the Houses for me to continue my Charge: I confesse it was a great streight that I was put in, between two Commands that have so much power over me: But when I consider the great care which I have ever observed in the Parliaments of this Kingdom for the good and safety of the King and Kingdom, and every mans par-

ticular in them; And that they are that great Councell by whose Authority the Kings of *England* have ever spoken to their Subjects; And likewise that the Trust of His Fleet for the defence of His Majesty and the Kingdoms was committed to me by them; And knowing the integrity of my own heart to His Majesty and Parliament, I resolved not to desert that Charge committed to my Trust, wherein God (blessed be his Name for it) hath made me hitherto so successefull, but to continue it untill I shall be revoked by that Authority that hath entrusted me with it: Which having declared to my Captains at the Councell of Warre, all of them unanimously and cheerfully took the same Resolution, excepting five, which was the Rere-Admirall, Captain *Fogge*, Captain *Barley*, Captain *Slingsby*, and Captain *Wake*, All which five refused to come upon my Summons, as having no Authority over them, and got together round that night to make their defence against me, onely Captain *Burley* came in and submitted to me. Whereupon in the morning I weighed my Anchors, and caused the rest of my Ships so to do, and came to an Anchor round about them, and besieged them; And when I had made all things ready, I summoned them: Sir *John Mennes*,

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and Captain *Fogge* came in to me; but Captain *Slingsby* and Captain *Wake* ſtood out: Whereupon I let fly a Gunne over them, and ſent them word I had turned up the Glaſſe upon them, if in that ſpace they came not in, they muſt look for for me aboord them. I ſent to them by my Boat, and moſt of the Boats in the Fleet; their anſwer was ſo peremptory, that my Maſters and Saylors grew ſo impatient on them, That although they had no Arms in their Boats at all, yet God gave them ſuch Courage and Reſolution, as in a moment they entered them, took hold on their Shrouds, and ſeized upon theſe Captains, being armed with their Piſtolls and Swords, and ſtruck their Yards and top Maſts, and brought them both in to me. The like Courage and Reſolution was never ſeen amongſt unarmed men, ſo as all was ended without effuſion of blood, which I muſt attribute to the great God of heaven and earth onely, who in the moment that I was ready to give fire on them, put ſuch courage into our men to act it, and ſo ſaved much blood.

I hope the Parliament will think of ſome courſe for all our Indempnities, and eſpecially for

the Officers of the Navy, and principall for the Surveyor of the Navy, my Vice-Admirall, a very able and good man, For my ſelf, I doubt not but they that put me in this employment, will preſerve me for ſerving them faithfully.

I pray you Sir be a means to Sir *Robert Pye*, and M. *Green*, that ſome money may be ſent us; for it hath been often promiſed, but hear not of it. The weather continuing ſtormy ſo long together, that we ſpend our Maſts, and top Maſts, or ſome detriment or other falls upon us daily, ſo that we are in great extremity for want of money.

Thus, having nothing elſe to trouble you for the preſent, onely that you will be pleaſed to acquaint your Houſe of Commons with our proceedings here; I bid you farewell, and reſt,

Your aſſured friend
to ſerve you,

Warwick.

From aboard His Majeſties Ship the James, *on the Downs, this 4 of* July, 1642.

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Jo. Brown, Cleric. Parliamentorum.

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